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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation:  
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 29, 2006, Gene DeJordy with Alltel Communications met with Ray Baum, Commissioner of the Oregon Public Utility Commission and Federal-State Universal Service Joint Board Member, to discuss universal service reform proposals pending before the Joint Board.

At this meeting, the matters discussed were: the universal service funding reform proposals, including auctions; wireless carriers' use of universal service support furthers the goals of universal service in rural areas; the higher costs wireless carriers incur to serve rural areas; and a funding mechanism based upon an efficient carrier's cost of service, portability of support, and accountability. A copy of the Alltel ex parte presentation to Commissioner McDowell on October 19, 2006 was provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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